MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, JUNE 30, 1943.

The Board of Public Works met on June 30, 1943, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present:

Herbert R. O'Conor, Governor J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of June 3rd, 1943, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

BALTIMORE CITY:

The Board took up the matter of salaries to be authorized for the Register of Wills for Baltimore City and for the Clerks of the several Courts in that City, as provided in Chapter 989 of the Acts of 1943.

After discussing the subject at considerable length, it was finally agreed that the salaries of these officials should be as follows:

Salary for	the Register	of Wills .	\$6,500.00	per	annum
Salary for	the Clerk of	Superior Court	6,000.00	11	11
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Salary for	the Clerk of	Circuit Court for	•		
	Baltimor	e City	5,500.00	11	11
Salary for	the Clerk of	Circuit Court No. 2			
	for Balt	imore City	5,500.00	11	TT .
Salary for	the Clerk of	Criminal Court	5,500.00	ü	ii
		Baltimore City Court	5,500.00	ń	í,

these salaries, under the law authorizing the fixing of them, to be effective for the incumbents beginning with the current term for which they were elected at the 1942 election.

CARDINAL GIBBONS INSTITUTE:

The Secretary called attention to receipt of a letter from Rev. Horace B. McKenna, Director of The Cardinal Gibbons Institute, at Ridge, St. Mary's County, Maryland, advising that because of the economic conditions existing in the area in which the Institute is located and there being no need for the funds at the present time because of there being an unexpended balance remaining from a previous allottment, the appropriation in the Budget for the fiscal year 1944 could be suspended indefinitely.

The suggestion of Father McKenna was approved.

CHELTENHAM SCHOOL FOR BOYS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Vance E. Thomas, Superintendent of Cheltenham School for Boys, calling attention to the utter lack of housing facilities for employees at the institution and outlining some plans for the conversion of some of the old buildings on the property into living quarters for the employees until such time as it would be possible, after the war emergency, to provide adequate housing facilities for the employees. A letter from Mr. Joseph P. Healy was also read, calling attention to the very bad conditions existing at Cheltenham School for Boys in connection with the housing facilities for employees and urging that the recommendations made by Mr. Thomas in his letter to the Board of Public Works be approved.

The Board considered the matter and approved the plan outlined by Mr. Thomas and authorized him to go ahead with the work.

The Board approved recommendation covered in a letter addressed by Mr. Thomas to Mr. James Posey, consulting engineer, that the water tank now located at Mt. Wilson Sanatorium, which is no longer needed for servicing that institution with water because of the supply of water at the institution now being furnished by a connection with the Baltimore City water supply, be taken down and removed to Cheltenham School for Boys and erected there as part of the improvements to provide water and sewerage facilities at the School.

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The Board approved the awarding of a contract to the Charles J. Spielman Company for the removal of the water tank from Mt. Wilson Sanatorium to Cheltenahm School for Boys, erecting the tank at the latter place at a cost of \$2,700.00 for the tank itself, with the moving expenses to be paid by Cheltenham School for Boys.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND:

The situation with respect to the Budget of the Commissioners of the State Accident Fund because of the effect upon it by legislation passed at the 1943 Session of the General Assembly, was discussed. It was felt that the increase in the amount necessary to June 30, 1943 could be taken care of by budget amendment because of the fact that the fiscal year closes on June 30, 1943 instead of September 30, 1943, as originally contemplated in providing funds to take care of these expenses. As to the requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943, it was felt that if the budget could not be revised through savings to be effected without recourse to the use of additional funds, it would be in order to allot the necessary additional funds out of the General Emergency Fund for the fiscal year 1944 to supplement budgets where the appropriations made for State agencies were found to be inadequate.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:

The Comptroller submitted to the Board two budget amendments:

- 1- To provide salary of \$2,500.00 per year for the position of Chairman of the Alcoholic Beverages Appeals Board, this position having been created by an Act passed at the 1943 Session of the General Assembly, without funds for the payment of salary to the Chairman being included in the original or supplemental Budgets; and
- 2- To provide the sum of \$12,151.42 to supplement the amounts available in the Budget for the payment of pensions to retired judges, to give effect to legislation passes at the 1943 Session of the General Assembly increasing the retirement allowances to judges; (Amount of the actual amendment changed to \$12,152.00.)

both amounts to be transferred from the General Emergency Fund provided for the fiscal year 1944.

The Board approved these two amendments.

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The Board approved the payment of the following claims for refund of franchise taxes paid in error to the State of Maryland, upon recommendation of the State Tax Commission, from Item #208-C of the budget of the State Tax Commission, totaling \$450.33.

East Baltimore Pleasure & Social Club, Inc.	\$.50
Garrett Park Bldg. & Savings Association	10.08
Grange Milling & Supply Co., Inc.	10.08
National Cash Register Co.	60.47
Retail Furniture Assoc. of Baltimore, Inc.	8.02
Webster Motor Car Co.	5.04
Blue Bell Farms, Inc.	6.04
Excello Public Service Corp.	10.05
Rizik Bros., Inc.	15.13
Universal Realty Corp.	10.09

The Fairview Realty Co.	\$ 5.08
Nordau Loan Bldg. & Savings Association	15.08
E. M. Skinner, Jr., Co.	50.51
West Sudbrook Park Construction Corp.	10.10
The Keyser Office Bldg. Co.	41.77
The Mar-Tex Oil Co.	182.16
The Northway Apartment Co.	10.13.

CONVENTIONS:

At the meeting of June 3, 1943, the attention of the Board was called to the fact that the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics had submitted an expense account showing expense of \$150.00 covering attendance of a representative of that agency at a convention in New Orleans, on May 18-21, 1943. Since the meeting of June 3rd, it was ascertained that the State had been reimbursed by the National Board Conference in the amount of \$150.00 to cover the attendance of the State's representative at the convention.

The Board authorized the payment of the voucher received from the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics to cover this expense.

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At the meeting of the Board held on June 3rd, attention was called to the expense account received from the State Employment Commissioner which included an item of \$32.10 covering expenses of the Commissioner in attending a conference on May 8th and 9th, 1943, in Philadelphia. Mr. Kirkman had been delegated to take up with the State Employment Commissioner the failure of the Commissioner to obtain in advance from the Board of Public Works authority to attend the conference at the State's expense.

Mr. Kirkman stated that he had contacted Col. Jones, who stated that he thought the conference which he attended was not a convention in the usual sense of the word and he thought it was all right for him to attend because of the business transacted being of much importance to the State of Maryland.

The Board approved the expense account of Col. Jones, but stated that his attention should be called to the fact that the permission of the Board to attend conventions at State expense should be obtained in advance, in accordance with instructions issued by the Board of Public Works more than a year ago.

COURT COSTS:

The Board approved payment of the following bill in the amount of \$186.67 from Item #207 of the budget of the Board of Public Works, upon recommendation of the State Tax Commission.

Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to cover one-half of costs in the cases of State Tax Commission, and Mayor & City Council vs. Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY, MINES AND WATER RESOURCES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication received from Col. Harry C. Jones, State Employment Commissioner, in which attention was called to the fact that George L. Hall and James R. McComas, employees of the State Department of Health, were performing engineering services for the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources of the Board of Natural Resources, for which they were being reimbursed at the rate of \$80.00 and \$60.00 per month, respectively, in addition to the salaries received by them for their regular employment by the State Department of Health, and requesting authority for the continued payment of this additional compensation.

It was stated that the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources is being reorganized at the present time and that it is not certain whether the services of Messrs. Hall and McComas will be continued, which they will not be if the Department employes an engineer on a full-time basis to take

care of the engineering work of the Department. The Board felt that until such time as the Department would employ a full-time engineer it would be in order for Messrs. Hall and McComas to continue to render services to the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, and to be compensated for thoses services as in the past.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board copy of a letter addressed to the Governor relating to the personnel problem of the office of the Department of Motor Vehicles and requesting that provision be made for providing some additional clerks to take the place of those eliminated in the Budget for the fiscal years 1944 and 1945, and to take care of additional work imposed upon the Department under the new laws passed at the 1943 Session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Kirkman was requested to go into the matter with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, with a view to working out some arrangement to take care of the needs of the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE FORESTS AND PARKS:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Joseph F. Kaylor, State Forester of the Department of State Forests and Parks, relative to a supplemental payroll submitted to the Comptroller covering amounts payable to the various personnel of the Department, in the total amount of \$7,780.00, payment to be made from federal funds in the Clarke-McNary Fund.

The matter was discussed and while it was felt that the State would not interpose any objections to the payment of this supplemental payroll, it was very desirable to know that the payment would be in accordance with specific authority received from the proper agency of the Federal Government for the payment of the payroll out of the federal funds involved.

DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Department of Tidewater Fisheries urging that the unexpended funds in the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943 for oyster propagation be carried forward to the next fiscal year to take care of work later which it was not possible to have done prior to July 1, 1943.

After carefully considering the matter, it was decided to approve the request of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries and carry forward the balance as requested.

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL:

Mr. Kirkman stated that he had nothing to report at this meeting relative to the request of the Eastern Shore State Hospital for authority to purchase 127 acres of land at \$330.00 per acre.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT:

The Governor requested the Board's consideration and action upon the question of whether the lease of residence during the summer of 1942 (July 1st to September 1st) at Bay Ridge, Maryland, was a proper item to be paid from the Executive Department appropriations. The Governor explained that the property, used during the time above specified as the summer residence of the Governor, was leased from Elsa Loffler for the sum of \$700.00. The Governor stated that sufficient funds were available from other items to be transferred through Budget Amendment, thus providing the necessary amount to defray this expense. (\$750.00 rental, less \$50.00 credit)

Both the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller voted that such a payment was entirely proper, the Governor refraining from voting in this connection.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND: and WAR EMERGENCY FUND:-

The Board took up the matter of the procedure to be followed in making allottments from the General Emergency Fund and the War Emergency Fund appropriated in the amount of \$500,000 each in the Budget for the fiscal year 1944. It was agreed that all requests for allottments from these funds should be submitted to the Board and that after the approval of the Board to the requests budget amendments should be prepared showing the allocations to the State agencies to receive them and the distribution of the allocations to the budgets of the agencies.

GENERAL BOND ISSUES:

General Bond Issue of 1931

At the suggestion of the Comptroller, the Board authorized him to transfer at June 30, 1943 the unexpended balance of \$3,526.17 in the General Bond Issue of 1931 appropriated for Fire Protection at State institutions to the Annuity Bond Fund for the General Bond Issue of 1931, inasmuch as there was no further need for the use of the money for the purposes for which it was originally appropriated.

General Bond Issues of 1939 and 1941

The Board authorized the carrying forward in closing the books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, the unexpended balances in the accounts for the General Bond Issue of 1939 and the General Bond Issue of 1941 for such use in the future as is authorized by the Board, under the law authorizing these Bond Issues.

INSURANCE:

The Board approved the request of Mr. Miles that he be authorized to renew the War Risk Insurance for the year beginning July 1, 1943, the premium of approximately \$44,000.00 to be paid for out of the War Emergency Fund appropriated in the Budget for the fiscal year 1944, with any recoveries of premium from budgets of State agencies whose property is covered by the policy to be written to be credited to the War Emergency Fund.

LEASES:

The matter of office space for the various State agencies in Baltimore was givenfurther consideration, and Mr. Miles and Mr. Kirkman agreed to pursue the prospects of obtaining the necessary space, further.

Mr. Kirkman advised the Board that because of the emergency existing with reference to additional space for the Commissioner of Labor & Statistics incident to the issuing of permits, etc. and to avoid overcrowding and discomfort to the persons having business with the office of the Commissioner of Labor and Statistics, he had authorized the rental of some temporary space during the summer months by the Commissioner during this busy season of that office.

The Board approved the action of Mr. Kirkman in this matter.

The Board approved the execution of a lease by the University of Maryland for space to be used in connection with the Japanese Beetle Inspection work during the summer of 1943. (N. Frank & Sons, 412 N. Holliday Street, Baltimore, $2\frac{1}{2}$ months from June 15th, 1943, at \$90.00 per month.)

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF DEFENSE:

The Governor brought up the matter of a Budget for the Maryland Council of Defense for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943, and while he had before him a tentative budget which had been submitted to him by the Council, it was felt that the members of the Council should appear before the Board for the purpose of going over with the Board its financial requirements

for the fiscal year 1944.

The Governor stated that he would arrange for a meeting of the Council with the Board at an early date.

MARYLAND PUBLICITY COMMISSION:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a report received from the State Auditor showing that an examination of the accounts of the Maryland Publicity Commission found the affairs of the Commission in proper order with the exception of \$35.04, constituting a deficiency in the working fund advanced to the Commission, which was occasioned by overpayments to solicitors engaged in the sale of poster stamps.

As the recovery of this amount from the persons to whom overpayments were made seemed out of the question, the Board authorized the writing off of the amount as uncollectible.

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM:

See: Cheltenham School for Boys, these minutes. (Mt. Wilson Sanatorium)

MILITARY DEPARTMENT:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the State Law Department, together with lease executed by General Francis Petrott, The adjutant General, on behalf of the State of Maryland covering renewal of lease for the Military Reservation at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, with the United States of America, being Lease No. W-2337-Eng (RE)-112 dated May 29, 1942. In the letter from the State Law Department it was stated that the provisions of Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1943 require any disposition of State property, including leases, to be made by the highest official of the Agency which has charge of the property involved and should be with the written approval of the Board of Public Works.

The Board approved the renewal of the lease in question and authorized its execution by General Petrott on behalf of the State of Maryland.

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Mr. Kirkman took up the matter of the purchase of overseas caps for the State Guard while in training, at a cost of approximately \$3,500.00, and the purchase of ten thousand shoulder patches for Minute Men at a cost of \$1,200.00.

The Board approved the purchase of this equipment.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request that the balance in the Scholarship Fund for Morgan State College be carried forward and transferred to the budget for the school for the fiscal year 1944 to help meet the amount necessary to take care of the increase in the operating expenses of Morgan State College because of the additional amount needed to put into effect the Standard Salary Plan at the college. According to the Comptroller's records, the amount in the Scholarship Fund at June 22, 1943, was \$3,233.00.

After discussing the matter it was felt that this sum, being unexpended and unobligated at June 30, 1943, should be reverted in closing the books for the fiscal period, and that in the event Morgan State College would find it impossible to absorb the amount necessary as its contribution to the Standard Salary Plan out of its budget for the fiscal year 1944, it would be possible to provide the money for the college out of the General Emergency Fund for 1944.

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The Board approved the payment of \$2,778.00 out of the Scholarship Fund for Morgan State College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, the amount having been paid on the College's certification June 22, 1943.

ST. MARY'S FEMALE SEMINARY:

The Board approved the request from St. Mary's Female Seminary for an allottment of \$1,000 from the General Emergency Fund in the fiscal year 1944 to supplement the appropriation in the budget of the Seminary for teachers in the ensuing school year.

SHERIFF:

Montgomery County

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a report received from the State Auditor showing overpayment to the State Treasurer of \$905.55 by the Sheriff for Montgomery County, the report, dated January 25, 1943, recommending that the Sheriff be reimbursed out of the appropriation in the State Budget for refunds. These overpayments were occasioned by remittance to the State Treasury by the Sheriff of fines which, under the law, should have been remitted by him to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County.

The Board approved the recommendation that the Sheriff be refunded the sum of \$905.55 out of the Refund Appropriation to enable him to make an accounting to Montgomery County of the fines in question.

STATE AVIATION COMMISSION OF MARYLAND:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a payroll received from the State Aviation Commission covering an amount of \$600.00 payable to Edgar A. Poe, Jr., for services as attorney and general counsel of the Commission. Mr. Poe has been the Secretary of the Commission at a salary of \$1,500.00 per year and has been counsel to the Commission at a salary of \$500.00, both items being appropriated in the budget to the State Aviation Commission for the fiscal year 1943. The Budget for the fiscal year 1944 and for 1945 failed to provide any funds whatever for the continued operations of the Commission.

It was felt that since Mr. Poe rendered the services to the Commission that it would be in order to reimburse him in the amount of the payroll submitted.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Edgar A. Poe, Jr., relative to a request submitted by Dr. Hugh H. Young, Chairman of the State Aviation Commission, that the sum of \$10,000 be allotted to the Commission for expenses in the fiscal year 1944.

The Governor stated that the Commission had been in touch with him relative to securing an allottment of funds from the General Emergency Fund to cover operating expenses in the fiscal year 1944. And, it was decided that the Commission should meet with the Board at a later date for the purpose of determining how much should be allotted to the Commission for the next fiscal year.

STATE EMPLOYMENT COMMISSIONER:

Mr. Kirkman called attention to the fact that because of the additional work of the office of the State Employment Commissioner incident to the installation of the Standard Salary Plan for State employees, it would be necessary for the Commissioner to have an additional employee to take care of the work of checking the payrolls to see that they are prepared in conformity with the Standard Salary Law. Mr. Kirkman felt that a Junior Account Clerk would be able to take care of this work.

The Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Kirkman and the transfer of the necessary money to pay the salary of the additional clerk from the General Emergency Fund for the fiscal year 1944.

STATE EMPLOYEES:

The attention of the Board was brought to the provisions of Chapter 782 of the Acts of 1943 allowing compensation in lieu of vacations. The Comptroller stated that various inquiries had been received from State agencies and that a number of payrolls had been received listing employees as not having received vacation in 1942, and requesting compensation at the rate of pay applicable to the positions of the employees in lieu of vacations which were not taken.

After carefully considering the matter, the Board decided that the heads of the various State agencies should insist upon employees taking the vacation granted them under the law and that employees should not be asked to waive their vacation unless a real emergency exists and the work of the department would suffer seriously because of the absence of employees on vacation. It was also decided that in the event it becomes necessary and the head of a department has to request an employee to waive his vacation that the employee should not receive compensation for the vacation not taken but that the vacation should be allowed to accrue to the limit authorized by law, to be taken later at some more convenient time, unless otherwise authorized by the Board of Public Works.

The Board also decided that it would not be in good taste for the head of any institution, department, board, or agency of the State to ask for compensation for any vacation not taken by him.

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Mr. Kirkman called attention to the fact that there are several instances of State employees submitting resignations during the early part of July, or after July 1st, on which latter date such employees would become eligible for payment of the bonus authorized by the General Assembly of 1943.

It was felt that while these employees would profit at the State's expense through resigning shortly after the date on which the bonus became available to them, yet, under the law, they had qualified for the bonus and it could not be felt that any steps could be taken to deprive them of the bonus payment due them because of their eligibility on July 1, 1943.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board four cases involving requests for extension of sick leave in the case of employees who had exhausted the accumulated sick leave available to them for the purpose of continuing such employees on the payroll under the provisions of Chapter 987 of the Acts of 1943. The employees in question are as follows:

Regina Fallon, Secretary-Stenographer in the Department of Health Virginia Chambers, Junior Stenographer in the Department of Health Thomas J. Easton, Civil Engineering Aide for the State Roads Commission Jesse T. Fox, Foreman of Cleaners at the University of Maryland.

After due consideration of these requests it was agreed to extend the sick leave of these employees to October 31, 1943, unless in the meantime it was found possible for them to return to their employment.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that Col. Harry C. Jones, State Employment Commissioner, felt that Frank P. Bratten, to whom the Board granted an extension of leave of absence because of illness at its meeting of June 3, 1943, was not entitled to salary due him as Chairman of the Real Estate Commission of Maryland, but only to salary due him as Chief Inspector of State Licenses. The Board, after considering the matter, decided that Mr. Bratten was entitled to whatever salary he was receiving under the law at the time of the beginning of his illness and authorized the payment of salary to him in his capacity as Chairman of the Real Estate Commission, as provided by law, as well as the salary to which he was entitled as Chief Inspector of State Licenses.

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The Secretary reported that he had communicated with Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Director of the State Department of Public Welfare, relative to the office hours because of a letter which had been addressed to the Board by Mr. Charles D. Harris, Director of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, and stated that he had received a reply from Mr. Patterson to the effect that the State Department of Public Welfare is observing the last directive of the Board of Public Works that minimum hours be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 M. on Saturdays.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate this information to Mr. Harris.

STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION:

Mr. Kirkman brought to the attention of the Board a request received from the State Industrial Accident Commission for additional funds for the Commission for the fiscal year 1944 and called attention to the fact that the allowance of such additional funds would cause the total of the budget to exceed the sum of \$120,000 which, by law, is the maximum amount the State can recover from insurance companies doing business with the State for the cost of maintaining the Commission.

It was felt that the Commission should endeavor to live within the limitation set by law as to the amount to be recovered by the State unless it is found during the year that it is impossible to do this, when the Board will consider an allotment to the Commission from the General Emergency Fund.

STATE PROPERTY:

Mr. Kirkman stated that he felt that Chapter 952 of the Acts of 1943 would not alter the procedure he has been following in the past relative to the disposition of property belonging to the State which it is felt is not needed for further State use and that he would continue to report to the Board such dispositions or property as in the past.

The Board approved, upon recommendation by Mr. Kirkman, disposal of the following property not needed by the State:

Transfer of supplies from the State Penal Farm to the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Property as covered by State Roads Commission Condemnation Reports #3128, #3129, #3717, #3719, #3721, #3723, #3724, and #3493.

12 broken chairs by the State Teachers College, Salisbury.

TREASURER OF MARYLAND:

The Board authorized Mr. Miles to reimburse himself out of the budget of the State Treasurer's Office for expenses incurred by him in connection with his work as Administrator of the Use of State Owned Automobiles.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board communications from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, advising that he had awarded contracts to -

- Wm. E. Wood Company in the amount of \$11,700.00 covering plumbing on the Armory;
- E. J. Febrey & Company in the amount of \$26,816.00 covering heating equipment, labor, and material in the Armory;

these contractors having submitted low bids in connection with the work of construction of a new Armory at College Park.

Dr. Byrd also advised that because of Union affiliations, Joseph Casale & Company were unable to proceed with the contract for brick and cinder block work on the Armory and that new bids had been asked for. Of the new bids, the low bid had been incomplete and it was necessary to accept the one remaining bid of Joseph Peregoy in the amount of \$16,650.00 for this work.

The Board approved the awarding of all three of these contracts.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, advising that Mrs. Lillian Hillegeist had again been in touch with him relative to her claim covering services alleged to have been rendered to the University of Maryland through her husband during his life-time.

The Board felt that there was no necessity to give further consideration to this matter.

WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSION:

The Comptroller brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the War Memorial Commission requesting that the sum of \$4,000.00 be reserved in closing the accounts of that Commission at June 30, 1943, for the purpose of making repairs and replacements to the War Memorial.

After due consideration of this matter, it was felt that the request should not be approved and that the attention of the Commission should be called to the fact that there is available to it in the Budget a new appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943, out of which it should make any request for payment of any repairs which might be deemed necessary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE:

The Board approved the request of the Chamber of Commerce of Cambridge, Maryland, for permission and supervision of the use of the Dorchester County side of the Chop Tank River at the bridge for bathing. This request was made because of a desire to have some regulation and order in connection with the use of the river at that point for bathers.

Secretary